

Assemblyman **PAUL KORETZ**

Forty-second Assembly District

proudly representing the communities of West Hollywood, Beverly Hills, Los Angeles, Century City, Westwood, Bel Air, Brentwood, West Los Angeles, Hollywood, Hancock Park, Universal City, Studio City, and Sherman Oaks



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Koretz Sworn in for Second Term ***Introduces Legislation to Regulate Deadly Sniper Rifle***

(Sacramento) –Assemblyman Paul Koretz (D-West Hollywood) proudly took the oath of office yesterday as he was sworn in for his second term as the Assemblyman representing the 42nd District.

"I am honored and thrilled to be serving my second term in the California State Assembly," said Koretz. "I thank the voters of my District for giving me the opportunity to represent them for another two years. I hope to use this time to advance legislation that will address some of the key concerns of the people in my district as well as California as a whole.

"I plan to continue my focus on improving the quality of life for working men and women, creating equal legal protections for same sex couples, protecting the environment, and reducing gun violence," stated Koretz.

As one of his first official actions, Assemblyman Koretz introduced Assembly Bill 50, which would regulate the .50 Caliber BMG Rifle in the State of California. One of the U.S. military's highest-powered sniper rifles, the .50 caliber is capable of ripping through armored limousines. It is deadly accurate up to a mile and effective at more than four miles. It can punch holes through military personnel carriers at a distance of 2000 yards, the length of 20 football fields.

"Given the destruction this weapon can cause, I doubt most Californians would be comfortable knowing this gun is easier to buy than a small handgun," noted Koretz.

"AB 50 will ensure that terrorists and criminals do not gain access to this deadly weapon. Placing some reasonable restrictions on those who can possess this weapon is just good public policy," stated Koretz.

Paul Koretz was first elected to represent the 42nd District in 2000. The 42nd Assembly District includes the cities of West Hollywood, Beverly Hills, and portions of the City of Los Angeles and the San Fernando Valley, including Westwood, Century City, Bel Air, Brentwood, Hollywood, Studio City, Sherman Oaks, Encino, Universal City, Hancock Park and West Los Angeles.

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